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U. S. CONGRESS.—In the Senate yesterday, a bill was introduced to reduce the term of service in the regular army from five to three years, and to give the soldiers re-enlisting the existing bounty until the 1st of May next.—Mr. Sumner introduced a bill to exclude "disloyal" persons from the public lands of the States. The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses reviving the grade of Lieutenant General, reported back the bill substantially as it passed the Senate—Gen. Grant's name being stricken out.—The report was concurred in. Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Postoffices, reported back the bill to allow negroes as well as whites to carry the mails, with an amendment providing that in the courts of the United States there shall be no exclusion of any witness on account of color.

In the House of Representatives a joint resolution was passed extending until the first of April the payment of bounties to veterans re-enlisting, or persons enlisting in the regular or volunteer service for three years or during the war. A bill was also passed permitting recruiting in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, the recruits to be entitled to the bounties now allowed, and to be credited to such State as they may select.—The report from the committee of conference on the bill to revive the grade of Lieutenant General, striking out the name of General Grant, was agreed to.

In the U. S. House of Representatives yesterday Mr. Dawes, of Mass., called up the report of the Committee of Elections, declaring—

1. That Lewis McKenzie is not entitled to a seat in this House as a Representative in the Thirty eighth Congress from the Seventh Congressional District in Virginia.

2. That B. M. Kitchen is not entitled to a seat in this House as a Representative in the Thirty-eight Congress from the Seventh Congressional District in Virginia.

Mr. Dawes, of Mass., proceeded to discuss the first resolution, giving the reasons why the Committee came to their conclusions.

Mr. McKenzie was heard in his own behalf; when the question was taken, and Mr. McKenzie declared not entitled to a seat.

In the Maryland House of Delegates on Thursday, Mr. Murray, of Baltimore, offered an order that the use of the House be granted to the Rev. James W. Hunnicut, a refugee from Fredericksburg, on Monday evening next to address the members on the evils of secession, which was rejected.

Another sale under the U. S. direct tax law is to take place in this place on Monday next. A sale of Water Stock owned by Wm. G. Cazenove and R. H. Dulany on Thursday, the shares averaging about \$20.

Dispatches from the Southwest to the Northern papers furnish a variety of reports, concerning the movements of the Federal and Confederate forces. From Chattanooga direct, it is telegraphed, under date of the 25th, that in the engagement at Tunnel Hill, on the previous day, General Palmer captured over three hundred prisoners. The Federal loss is estimated at about seventy-five in killed and wounded. Nothing is said of any subsequent advance. Nevertheless, a telegram to the Cincinnati Gazette, dated at Chattanooga, on the same day, states that the Confederates were driven from Tunnel Hill, and that the advance force of Gen. Grant's army was within three miles of Dalton, and would probably occupy Dalton that night. At New York they quote the Cincinnati Gazette as asserting, positively, that the Federal forces were in possession of Dalton. A Nashville telegram, professes, also, to have received information that Sherman had cut Polk's army in the centre, and that the two wings of it "were running away in different directions." General Grant's scouts, also, reported that a heavy attack had been made on the forts at Mobile. No intelligence had reached the U. S. War Department from Gen. Sherman's command up to two o'clock yesterday afternoon. A Knoxville telegram of the 24th says that the Confederate cavalry had recrossed the French Broad River, and that, on the 20th Longstreet commenced to retreat from Strawberry Plains, after destroying the bridge across the Holston.

At a meeting held in this place, on Thursday evening last, John Downey of Loudon in the Chair, and—King of Norfolk Secretary, after several addresses, and considerable discussion, resolutions were passed for organizing a "Union State Central Organization," and appointing a "State Central Union Committee" to whom is to be entrusted "the superintendence and control of the political action of the Union party, during the Presidential canvass in all matters appertaining to the coming Presidential election," also expressing confidence in and approbation of Mr. Lincoln, though declining to express a preference, at present, for any one as a candidate for the next President of the United States, but objecting to the election of any "military chieftain."

Several British officers yesterday visited and inspected Battery Rodgers at the southern end of this town, and the troops there under the command of Major Messervy. These troops are from Wisconsin, and said to be among the best disciplined in the United States service.

Mr. J. T. Armstrong, a candidate for Mayor, in a published address to the Voters here, says:—"If the Commissioners agree to receive your votes under the Constitution of the State and Charter of the City, then I wish you to vote; if not decline; never compromise your constitutional rights as American freemen."

The Washington Chronicle says: The Vice Regents of the Mount Vernon property, Miss Hamilton presiding, have been in session here for a day or two of this week. It is understood that there is money in bank to defray the deferred payment. The title is pronounced good by distinguished counsels. As the estate had not been occupied by Federal or Confederate troops during the war. The Vice Regents have applied to Secretary Stanton for authority to run a steamboat to that point.

The Market, this morning was but poorly supplied, except with fresh Meats, which were generally excellent in quality. Beef from 15 to 20 cts. per lb. Mutton and Veal from 18 to 20 cts. Poultry scarce, and very high. Vegetables scarce, and at the last quoted prices.—Butter from 35 to 40 cts according to quality, and Eggs from the 30 to 40 cts. per dozen.

The number of frame shanties lately put up in different quarters of the town, renders the dangers from fire greater than before, and should induce all to exercise more than usual care and caution.

The Department of the South has been divided into two districts—General Terry commanding in the Charleston district and Gen. Seymour in Florida.

DIED.

Last night, after a short illness, Mr. ALBERT NORRIS, in the 45th year of his age. The friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 111, Wilkes street, to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

L. W. Webb, of Norfolk, Va., has introduced in the "Convention," in session in this place, the following "ordinance:

Viz: "An ordinance to provide for the relief of persons holding State or other securities within the Rebel lines from which no interest has been received."

As many of the citizens of this place have been deprived of their support in consequence of the failure to collect their interest on their stocks, it is not thought that they should be taxed upon that which they have not received, and that too in "current funds," no one has received the usual dividends on stocks since the war begun.

A WORD IN TIME

I HAVE opened this day 200 pieces of Bleached Muslin, heavy and good at 20 cts. a yard; 150 do. do., worth 35 cts., at 28 cts. a yard; 100 do. Continental Cotton, only 25 cts. very fine; and a large lot of Calicoes and domestic goods at the old figures.—Call and see for yourself at

H. SCHWARZ'S,
132 King street.

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GARDEN SEEDS.—We have just received our first supply of Landreth's fresh and genuine GARDEN SEEDS. LEADBEATER & CO. No. 7, S. Fairfax st. 2m 8—1m

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